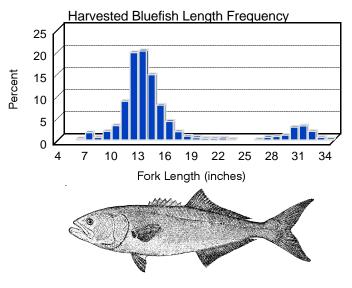
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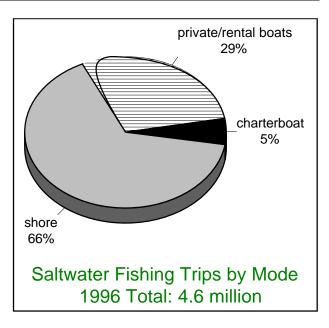


Species	Number Harvested (thousands)	Pounds Harvested (thousands)	Number Released (thousands)
BLUEFISH	288	713	708
DOLPHINS	338	2190	2
SPOT	1961	692	900
KING MACKEREL	79	777	8
SPANISH MACKEREL	346	377	99



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DID YOU KNOW?

- Nearly 1,152 anglers participated in North Carolina's recreational saltwater fishery in 1996.
- North Carolina anglers harvested more spot than any other state in 1996.
- MRFSS interviewers have identified 154 different species of fish caught in North Carolina waters.
- Over 174,000 saltwater anglers have been interviewed at North Carolina fishing sites since the MRFSS began in 1979.